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For: METHOD FOR THE MODIFICATION OF POLYACRYLONITRILE FIBRES CONTAINING VINYL ACETATE AS A COMONOMER AND POLYAMIDE FIBRES, USING A CUTINASE ENZYME

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN
THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

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In response to the "Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)," mailed January 3, 2007 for the above application, Applicant respectfully submits herewith a copy of the Declaration for the above identified application properly executed by the inventors.

A check for the statutory fee of \$130.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/25/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/25/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 04/25/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 04/25/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 04/25/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/25/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 04/25/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

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